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Academic Honors

The University of New Orleans recognizes students who attain academic honors in three ways. A student may pursue the normal curriculum of a subject area and obtain honors by virtue of high grades. There are three designations in this category: *summa cum laude* (with the highest praise), requiring an overall grade-point average of 3.900-4.000; *magna cum laude* (with great praise), requiring an overall grade-point average of 3.750-3.899; and *cum laude* (with praise), requiring an average of 3.500-3.749.

A student may also graduate with University Honors, which carries with it Honors in _____ (the particular field). This achievement requires the student to earn 30 honors credits through special courses and additional work in regular courses, maintain a grade-point average of at least 3.50 in the chosen subject area, with at least a 3.25 in all work taken, and write a senior honors thesis.

Or a student may follow the normal curriculum of a subject area, write a senior honors thesis, and graduate with Honors in _____ (the particular field). To achieve departmental honors, the student also maintains a grade-point average of at least 3.50 in the subject area, with 3.25 in all work taken.

We are pleased to recognize the following students as honors graduates at this commencement:

Summa Cum Laude

Christopher Arthur Baracco
Rebecca Elizabeth Finney
Carl Joseph Giffin III
Candice Marie Holley
Michael Joseph Spadora

Magna Cum Laude

Elan Jacqueleen Armitage
Mindi Rae Benoit
Brandon Lowell Bowser
Blair Elizabeth Brown
Donald Peter Crist, Jr.
Brian David Daray
Pamela Katherine Richardson Douglass
Mary Clare Guggenheimer
Whitney Danielle Hollier
Elizabeth Ashley LaGrange
Lauren Christine Lunt
Lauren Alline Lyons
Jessica Miranda
Laura Elizabeth Montelepre
Danielle Nicole Moyer
Joshua David Plant
James Madison Roe
Alejandro Sarria
Emily Dianne Schmidt
Heather Erin Seward
Brittany Lynn Varnado

Cum Laude

Raymond Joseph Akerman
Andrea Catalina Baraya
Aleen Shevon Barclay
Jacqueline Michelle Bayley
Brian Barry Bolerjack
Alexander Fernando Bowen
Ryan Patrick Bruce
Aaron Rodney Buck
Kathleen Patricia Bush
Richard Chichester Davidson IV
Crystal Joy Embrey
Carlos Roberto Fernandez
Nicole Danielle Gordy
Amy Lynn Harmeyer
Lisa M. Harringon
Kelly Elizabeth Helffrich
Kathryn Elaine Hildebrand
Jenney Koelbel
Melynda Leigh LaBrosse
David Ross LeBlanc
Marilyn Kristel Marshall
Hammad Mohammad Masoodi
Georgios Evangelos Mazarakis
Gerardo Arturo Montoya

Jessica Eve Marie Nunes
Edmi Lane Padron
Anthony Joseph Plonski III
Tammy M. Pracheil
Amy Kathleen Quinette
Ryne Gerard Schuler
Fernando Antonio Silva
Deanna Nicke Simmons
Joshua David Simpson
Michael Patrick Smith
Laura Nicholle Stevens
Ashu Douglas Tarh
Christine Marie Tassin
Angelique Michelle Theriot
Michelle Marie Thiberville
Jessica Elise Tingstrom
Allison Elizabeth Vega
Adriana Krassimirova Vladikova
Jenniver Kieu Nhi Vu
Britteny Elizabeth Weyenberg
John Francis Young III

The list of candidates for graduation was prepared before final grades were reported; thus, the listing of a name in this program should not be construed as documentation that the person listed will, in fact, receive a degree from the University of New Orleans at this commencement. Conversely, some students who are not listed may be awarded degrees. The same applies to the listing of students graduating with honors.

The 2008 Spring Semester graduating class is comprised of students from the following states and countries:

Alabama
Arizona
Arkansas
California
Colorado
Connecticut
District of Columbia
Delaware
Florida
Georgia
Hawaii
Iowa
Illinois
Kentucky
Louisiana
Massachusetts
Maryland
Michigan
Minnesota
Missouri
Mississippi
New Hampshire
North Carolina
North Dakota
New Jersey
New Mexico
Nevada
New York
Ohio
Oregon
Pennsylvania
South Carolina
Tennessee
Texas
Utah
Virginia
Washington
Wisconsin

Albania
Austria
Bangladesh
Belize
Bulgaria
Camaroon
Canada
China
Columbia
Cote D'Ivoire
Cuba
Ecuador
Egypt
France
Germany
Greece
Guatemala
Guyana
Honduras
Hong Kong
Hungary
India
Jamaica
Japan
Kenya
Lebanon
Nicaragua
Nigeria
Pakistan
Philippines
Romania
Russian Federation
Saudi Arabia
Taiwan, Province of China
Trinidad and Tobago
Turkey
Uganda
United Kingdom
United States
Venezuela
Viet Nam

College of Business Administration Commencement

Saturday, May 17, 2008

PROGRAM

PRESIDING
Dr. James W. Logan Jr., *Dean*
College of Business Administration

PROCESSIONAL

NATIONAL ANTHEM
Elizabeth Ulloa Lowry

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS
Mark C. Romig, APR, *Vice President for Marketing and Public Relations*
Hospital Corporation of America – Delta Division

CONFERRING OF DEGREES
Dr. Timothy P. Ryan, Chancellor
The University of New Orleans

ALMA MATER
Elizabeth Ulloa Lowry

RECESSIONAL

COLLEGE MARSHALS
Erich Brockman
Mike Easley
Dinah Payne
David Pearlman
Milton Pressley
Mark Reid

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College of Business Administration

James W. Logan, Jr., Dean

Doctor of Philosophy

Mehmet Firat Dicle
Financial Economics
AS, Johnson & Wales University, 1993
BBA, University of Massachusetts, 1995
MBA, T. C. Yeditepe University, 2003
Dissertation: *Commonality of Liquidity Around the World: Evaluation of Possible Reasons*
Major Professors: Tarun Mukherjee and Peihwang Wei

Yen-Sheng Lee
Financial Economics
BS National Taipei of Technology, 1987
MS, Yuan Ze University, 1996
MBA, University of Missouri, 2002
Dissertation: *Essays on Determinants of Ipoliquidity and Price Adjustments to Persistent Information in Option Markets*
Major Professor: Peihwang Wei

Master of Business Administration

Therese Marie Adorno
Martin F. Ammond
Nicole Marie Aucoin
Danna Barrilleaux
Ivonne Ly Bermudez
Kristi Lynn Bucksbarg
Dana Rene Dixon
Jason Kern DuPont
Tanzy Morrell Eaglin-Lewis
Jackelin Elizabeth Guerrero Funes
Jonathan Lee Guidry
John Evariste Guzman
Robert Cohlman Hicks
Hung Anh Hoang
Marjola Dervishi Hotchkiss
Rebecca Ann Iverson
Blake Earl Jones *
Thu Huong Thi Kha
Jeremy Knight
Sean J. Kruse
Dana Louise Lizak
Jennifer Lopez
Ernesto Javier Maldonado
William Campbell McCulloch
Christopher Ryan Paddock
Karrie Louise Parr
Kelly Marc Parra
Jeff Patrick Pellegrin
Lee Edward Sale
Thomas Scott
Hussein A. Soke
Dara St. Amant Fonseca
Charles Edward Stelting II
Brent Weldon Stumbo *
Ashley Allison Varnam
Jennifer Ashley Verheul

* *Member, Phi Kappa Phi* ** *Member, Omicron Delta Kappa*

James Lacy Webb III
Katherine Elizabeth White
Jameel Joseph Wilson
Robert William Wooderson

Master of Science

Szilvia Bata
Hospitality and Tourism Management
Chelsi Cheramie DeCoste
Hospitality and Tourism Management
Kendra Lynn Donohue
Accounting - Taxation Option
Kevin Michael Granier
Hospitality and Tourism Management
Jasmine Nicole Johnson
Health Care Management
Ioulia Nadya Koublitskaia
Hospitality and Tourism Management
Richard Dale Lane
Hospitality and Tourism Management
Crystal Marie Langlinais
Accounting - Taxation Option
Alison Beth MacMullan
Accounting
Lindi B. Mollere
Hospitality and Tourism Management
Justin Earl Ortego
Accounting
Pukar Ratti
Health Care Management
Jamie Lynn Richard
Hospitality and Tourism Management
Maria C. Rodriguez
Accounting
Nicole Molligan Schembre
Health Care Management
Carla Lynn Scioneaux
Health Care Management
Lane Catherine Stoulig
Accounting
Bianca Undina Tiner
Health Care Management
Michael E. Trachtenberg
Financial Economics
Aimee Elizabeth Willem
Accounting - Taxation Option
Ernst Fuselier de la Claire Wooten Jr.
Hospitality and Tourism Management
Ashley Morgan Yeldell
Hospitality and Tourism Management
Bei Zeng
Financial Economics

Bachelor of Science

Daniel Lindsay Acosta
James Christopher Adams
Jason Christopher Adams
Subha Zeyad Ahmad
Abdul-Aziz Saleem Akhtar
Mohammed Bidah Algahtani
Walaa Ibrahim Al Ahdal
Brandon Marcus Albert
Omar Abdulaziz Aldulijan
Majed S. Al-Jindan
Brittany E. Andrews
Okiema Athana Austin
Marcelle Audrey Baer
Andrea Catalina Baraya
Cum Laude
Aleen Shevon Barclay
Cum Laude
J.C. Beard
Crystal Lynne Bell
Matthew Thomas Bellerino
Mindi Rae Benoit*
Magna Cum Laude
Rebecca Christine Bergeron
Jessica Lynn Boesch

** Member, Phi Kappa Phi*
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Brian Barry Bolerjack
Cum Laude
Jennifer Nicole Bonck
Meki Molanna Bostick
Amanda Lee Boudreaux
Dory Louise Boulet
Dustin B. Bowen
Trechal Anitra Bowman-Bowers
Adrienne Yvonne Busurelo
Ryan Anthony Butler
Sylvia Marie Cain
Kimberly Marie Camarata
Nicole Elizabeth Cardinale
Sarah Beth Castillo
Dario Michael Ciulla
Steve Michael Cochran
Nathan James Colliver
Cody Morgan Comfort
Glenda Marie Conerly-Taylor
J'air Cotton
Cory Nicholas Cowan
Donald Peter Crist Jr.
Magna Cum Laude
Jeana LeNae Crosby
Walter Joseph Cure V
Heather Lynn Czerny
Christopher Daigle
Diana Marie Mateo Dang
Brian David Daray
Magna Cum Laude
Jessica Michelle Davenport
Richard Chichester Davidson IV
Cum Laude
Brent Joseph Del Pino
Tara Lyn DeLaup
Aisha Jupiter DeLoach
Erin Lee Dembrum
Brandy Rae Deroche
Michael Geoffrey Diaz
Leigha Monique Dixon
Kiet Do
Erica Tranice Doucet
Ashley Anne Doyle
Ryan Barclay Drew
Jon Walter Dumond
Adriene Laurine Duncan-Otis
Bryan Matthew Dupuy
Donald Christopher Dwyer
Tony Omar Edwards
Dwight Joseph Elmore Sr.
Charicki J. Evans **
Ron Michael Evans
Zoila Virginia Fernandez
Tania A. Fonseca
Lindsay Elizabeth Ford
Brett Davis Fortenberry
Dayna M. Freeman
Joseph Issac Gannoun
Stephen Paul Gauthe
Daniel Raymond Gerhold
Heather B. Giambelluca
Belinda Kristen Grant
Samuel Ivan Grooms
Angerean Michon Taylor
Howard John Hebert Jr.
Kelly Elizabeth Helffrich
Cum Laude
Ashley Ann Higgerson
Kathryn Elaine Hildebrand
Cum Laude, University Honors and Honors in Finance
Paul Gerald Hodge
Michelle Antoinette Holmes
Katie Elizabeth Howard
Michelle Sierra Hubert
Christine Marie Huner
Jiarra Rochan Jackson
Jamie Marie Janusa
Jeremy Wallace Jeanfreau
Randy LaBorde Johnson
Viola T. Johnson
Wanda Marie Johnson
Monique Cynthia Keeler
Emily Janene Kelly
Ralph Kenning
Nira Kohli
Ashley Lynne LaBorde
Vi Tuong Luong
Chad Joseph Maggio
Holly Ann Maloney
Bridget Bonds Mancuso
Tabitha A. Marshall

* *Member, Phi Kappa Phi*

** *Member, Omicron Delta Kappa*

Joshua Martinez
Shearil Salem Matthews
Evan Armstrong McGinty
Kelli Michele McMichael
Shawniece Theresa McMillan
Kevin John Mellor
Jessica Miranda
Magna Cum Laude
Robert John Mitchell
Juan Manuel Molina
Gerardo Arturo Montoya
Cum Laude
Lora Leanne Moody
Melissa Bird Morgan
Jun Morita
Brian Patrick Muller
Elizabeth Ann Murphy
Jackson John Mwatibo
Christopher Thanh Nguyen
Phuong Thuy Thi Nguyen
Irma Mahan NuarMahan
Kristin Mary Oddo
Jennifer Erin O'Rourke
Matthew Michael Ory
Brandon Luzot Packnett
Virginia Lassiter Paddock
Giovanny Manuel Perez
Christina Elizabeth Philburn
Teshaun Michael Phoenix-Moore
Ka-Ron Rashad Pitford
Anthony Pittman
Megan L. Pommier
Kristina Michelle Popp
Joseph Woods Reilly
Daniel Anthony Rogers
Kristy Lynn Russo
Brett Allen Sanborn
Joseph R. Sandoz
John Louis Schackai IV
Mariella Serrano Veloz
Fernando Antonio Silva
Cum Laude
Oliver Estrada Silva
Joseph Valentino Soto
Peryn Lynn St. Raymond
Kristen Augustine Stachowiak
Gina Maria Stansbury
Seth Allen Sternhagen
John Stevenson
Brett Baudot Summerville
Joshua Zuri Taylor
Robin Lynn Thigpen
Sharon Veronica Thorpe-Ward
Yancy Ingerham Tiblier
John Elliot Todaro
David Wayne Townsend Jr.
Nam Nguyen Tran
Nouhoun Traore
Pauline Eleonore Trinchant
Errolyn Michael Tuckerson
Allen Joseph Villarrubia
Kelly Michelle Vollenweider
Jessica Elizabeth Wallace
Corcherrie Dale Washington
Richard Dean Watler
Christopher Scott White
James Joseph Whitney
Kenny Williams
Darin Michael Yuratich
Krishna Danelia Zapata
Adam Joseph Zehner

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College of Education and Human Development Commencement

Saturday, May 17, 2008

PROGRAM

PRESIDING
Dr. James Meza, *Dean*
College of Education and Human Development

PROCESSIONAL

NATIONAL ANTHEM
Dr. Kyle Scafide

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS
Dr. Diane Roussel, *Superintendent*
Jefferson Parish Public School System

CONFERRING OF DEGREES
Dr. Timothy P. Ryan, *Chancellor*
The University of New Orleans

ALMA MATER
Dr. Kyle Scafide

RECESSIONAL

COLLEGE MARSHALS
Patricia Austin
Lynette Silvestri

USHERS
Members of Kappa Delta Epsilon

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College of Education and Human Development

James Meza, Jr., Dean

Doctor of Philosophy

Linda Kelly
Educational Administration
BA, University of Illinois at the Medical Center, 1971
MA, University of New Mexico, 1986
Dissertation: *Experiencing Higher Education in Louisiana through a Native American Lens*
Major Professor: Marietta Del Favero and Jim Killacky

Paula Marie Pucheu
Curriculum and Instruction
B.A., University of Southwestern Louisiana, 1986
M.A., University of Southwestern Louisiana, 1989
Dissertation: *An Investigation of the Relationships Between the Scoring Rubrics Inventory and the Metacognitive Awareness Inventory as Reported by Secondary School Core-Subject Teachers*
Major Professors: Charles S. Gifford and Richard Speaker

Pamela Vrana Rault **
Educational Administration
BBA, University of St. Thomas (TX), 1995
MBA, University of St. Thomas (TX), 1999
Dissertation: *College Leadership Programs and Citizenship Development: Preparing Students to be Agents of Social Change*
Major Professor: Marietta Del Favero

Connie Van Vrancken Tompkins
Curriculum and Instruction
B.S, University of New Orleans, 1999
M.A., University of New Orleans, 2000
Dissertation: *Association of Fat Oxidation and Insulin Resistance in Prepubertal Children*
Major Professor: April Whatley Bedford

Charles Williford Weston
Educational Administration
BA, English, Louisiana State University, 1992
BS, Physical Geography, Louisiana State University, 1995
MLIS, Academic Librarianship, Louisiana State University, 1999
Dissertation: *Understanding the Integrative Role of an Academic Library for Undergraduate Library Student Workers*
Major Professor: Marietta Del Favero

* *Member, Phi Kappa Phi* ** *Member, Omicron Delta Kappa*

Master of Education

Semaj Nicole Allen
Educational Administration
Sharon Heffker Bennett
Special Education-Mild/Moderate Elementary
Ivan Neal Blazquez
Human Performance & Health Promotion
Ronda Lane Bonnette
Counselor Education
Deidra Bradley
Educational Administration
Juanea Katrina Butler
Curriculum and Instruction
Shauntel Johnson Butler
Educational Administration
Tamika Necole Byrd *
Human Performance & Health Promotion
Sheree Rawle Caminita *
Curriculum and Instruction
Melissa Loga Caro
Educational Administration
Pamelea Heather Chappelle-Lyons
Counselor Education
Karla Deanne Davis
Educational Administration
Mary LaPorte Delaune
Special Education-Gifted and Talented
Emily Sue Ferris
Educational Administration
Kathleen M. Gabriel
Counselor Education
Laura Nicole Garbers
Counselor Education
Erin Crossin Grenon
Educational Administration
Priscilla Ann Guidry
Curriculum and Instruction
Paul Kenneth Hall
Curriculum and Instruction
Leslie Lynnay Hamilton
Educational Administration
Pearlie Bell Harris
Curriculum and Instruction
Shawn Joseph Heiden
Educational Administration
Shellie E. Hilton
Educational Administration
Robert Bradley Humphreys
Educational Administration
Marco Jerome Iverson
Human Performance & Health Promotion
Karen Bourgeois Jenniskens
Special Education-Mild/Moderate Elementary
Anya Cherie Johnson
Counselor Education
Rameisha Haqq Johnson
Counselor Education
Scott Curtis Johnston
Curriculum and Instruction
La Sonn Ranette Kennard-Porter
Educational Administration
Meridith Richards Kilanowski
Curriculum and Instruction
David Locker
Educational Administration
J'Vann LaFargue Martin
Educational Administration
Kathryn Widman Marton
Educational Administration
Robyn S. McCormick
Educational Administration
Sheryll Ann Mongogna McInelly
Curriculum and Instruction
Pamela Cheryl McLendon
Counselor Education
RhaShonda Enjolie Moncrieffe
Counselor Education
Samaher Jaser Nassar *
Curriculum and Instruction
Cassie La'Nisha O'Neil
Curriculum and Instruction
Yvette Marie Paysse
Educational Administration
Angela Maria Ribando Goyette
Educational Administration
Haley Michelle Roussel
Counselor Education
Carla Rene Roy Lewis
Educational Administration

* *Member, Phi Kappa Phi*

** *Member, Omicron Delta Kappa*

Reshelle Catherine Ruiz *
Counselor Education
Donna Little Schultz *
Educational Administration
Seth Patrick Shapard
Educational Administration
Serina Collette Singleton
Educational Administration
Andrea Marie Spreter
Educational Administration
Catina Shontelle Stewart
Educational Administration
Jill Marie Stradley
Curriculum and Instruction
Keith Anthony Theyard
Educational Administration
Bonnie Jo Schoenberger Thomas
Curriculum and Instruction
Xue Qin Wang **
Educational Administration
Brenda Marie Wiltz-Irvin
Curriculum and Instruction

Bachelor of Arts

Chris F. Billiot
Carlos Roberto Fernandez
Cum Laude
Judith Lynn Johnston
Katrina Lynn Krause
Lindsey Lowenberg
Jessica Eve Marie Nunes **
Cum Laude
Allison Elizabeth Vega
Cum Laude
Jeremy Louis Williams
Tracy Lynn Woods
Eric Christopher Zuniga

Bachelor of Science

Elan Jacqueleen Armitage
Magna Cum Laude
Jacqueline Michelle Bayley
Cum Laude
Josh P. Blanchard
Jessica Rae Adam
Aaron Rodney Buck
Cum Laude
Tanisha Frances Charlot
Casheka DeLaura Coffey
Kasie Knight
Gini Elizabeth Dufrene
April Rose Dupré
Matthew Gary Erskin
Mary Clare Guggenheimer
Magna Cum Laude
Jennifer Leigh Gum
Andrell Demetria Harvey
Courtney Elizabeth Hebert
Whitney Danielle Hollier
Magna Cum Laude
Kacie Kennedy
Courtney Marie Kingsbury
Dominique Angelé Lucien
Lauren Christine Lunt
Magna Cum Laude
Kenna Lissette Pitre
Maria Elizabeth Ramirez
Nora Rollins
Emily Dianne Schmidt
Magna Cum Laude
Heather Erin Seward
Magna Cum Laude
Stephanie P. Stipe
Jennifer Lynn Toups
Monique D. Toves
Vinh Thi Tran
Brittany Lynn Varnado *
Magna Cum Laude
Corey Richard Weeks

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** *Member, Omicron Delta Kappa*

PROGRAM

PRESIDING
Dr. Russell Trahan, Jr., *Dean*
College of Engineering

PROCESSIONAL

NATIONAL ANTHEM
Ryan Garrity

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESSES
Mark T. Savoff, *Executive Vice President–Operations*
Entergy

STUDENT SPEAKER
Brandon Bowser

CONFERRING OF DEGREES
Dr. John V. Lombardi, *President*
Louisiana State University System

ALMA MATER
Ryan Garrity

RECESSIONAL

COLLEGE MARSHALS
Pierre Champagne
Michael Villaraza
Norman Whitley

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College of Engineering

Russell E. Trahan, Dean

Master of Science

Robert Joseph Ariatti Jr.
Engineering Management
Ryan Lee Dardar
Engineering
Angela F. Davis
Engineering Management
Stephen Francis Knox
Engineering
Ryan Anthony Pitre
Engineering Management
Rachel Johanna Roblin
Engineering
Jason Story
Engineering
Leila Elizabeth Tahvildari
Engineering

Bachelor of Science

Carly Ann Alphonso
Alexandros Armaos
Stephen Eric Baker
Justin Paul Barras
Brandon Lowell Bowser
Magna Cum Laude
Adam John Boyd
Michael P. Capitain
Jonathan Michael Coates
Darren Jay Daigle
Robert Lee Delofosse Jr.
Danielle Amanda Deroche
Andrew Christopher Dugué
Kevin Jack Ehrhart
Andrea Francis Falcon
Walter Mauel Fienco
Simon Paul Fontenot
Marshall Kyle Frank
Tosan Fregene
Alvin Marshall Gilmore Jr.
Cynthia Lynn Gravois
Joan Hall
Corey Michael Henry
Joseph Anatole Hingle Jr.
Nicolette Starr Hodges
Elliot Louis Hogan
Kevan Douglas Keiser
Paul Joseph Lemons Jr.
Mark Jeffrey Maloney
Christopher Stephen Miscenich
Allison Monetta
Laura Elizabeth Montelepre
Magna Cum Laude
Melissa Ann Montz
Jason Daniel Morris
David Tuan Nguyen
Duc Huu Nguyen
Matthew Lewis Noe
Gregory Allen Pier
Alton John Richards III
Elton Joseph Steen III
Frank Duncan MacPherson Strachan IV
Alejandro Jesus Talbott
Cathlyn Marie Vierra
Sean Michael Villemarette
Orlando Saul Zambrano
Kurt Wayne Zarwell
Damon John Zehner
Brice Zoh

** Member, Phi Kappa Phi*

*** Member, Omicron Delta Kappa*

Friday, May 16, 2008

PROGRAM

PRESIDING
Dr. Susan E. Krantz, *Dean*
College of Liberal Arts

PROCESSIONAL

NATIONAL ANTHEM
RuthAnn Blake

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESSES
Dr. Timothy P. Ryan, *Chancellor*
The University of New Orleans

STUDENT SPEAKER
Rebecca Finney

PRESENTATION OF HONORARY DEGREE TO ELLIS MARSALIS, JR.

CONFERRING OF DEGREES
Mrs. Dorothy Reese, *Member*
Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College
Board of Supervisors

ALMA MATER
RuthAnn Blake

RECESSIONAL

COLLEGE MARSHALS
Randy Bates
Caroline Carson
David Hoover
James Lowry
Robert Stufflebeam
Charles Taylor

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Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters

Ellis Marsalis, Jr.

Ellis Marsalis, Jr. has enjoyed a long and distinguished career as a musician and teacher, helping to shape the musical genius of many noted jazz artists: alto saxophonist Donald Harrison; trumpeters Nicholas Payton, Jeremy Davenport, and Irvin Mayfield; pianist Harry Connick, Jr.; composer and trumpeter Terence Blanchard; and of course his own sons, Branford, Wynton, Delfeayo, and Jason.

Marsalis's own musical education began in "Gert Town," the New Orleans neighborhood where he counted among his friends Roger Dickerson and Harold Battiste, and where jazz, blues, and gospel were the rhythms of daily life. His formal training began at age 11 at the Xavier University junior school of music and continued at Dillard University, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music Education in 1955. After serving in the U.S. Marine Corps, Marsalis returned to New Orleans, where in 1986 he was awarded a master's degree in Music Education from Loyola University.

The bebop innovations in the music of Charlie Parker and Dexter Gordon were Marsalis's siren song. As a young man, he formed The Groovy Boys with drummer Ed Blackwell, clarinetist Alvin Batiste, and saxophonist Harold Battiste. The combo landed for a short time in California, where in 1956 Marsalis made his first recording.

Returning to New Orleans, Marsalis continued playing the modern bebop he loved, but to make ends meet, he played the familiar Dixieland sounds with trumpeter Al Hirt, another modernist who would find musical success in his departures from traditional New Orleans jazz. In 1963, Marsalis experienced something of a breakthrough when he recorded with famed cornet player Nat Adderley on Nat's album *In the Bag.*

Marsalis's numerous recordings in the years since include several solo works, among them "Piano in E" (1991), "Duke in Blue" (1999), and "Ruminations in New York" (2005). He has collaborated with his sons on many projects–including *Marsalis Family: A Jazz Celebration* (2002)–and with a host of other noted musicians. He has performed on national television and travelled extensively, appearing in live venues throughout the world. But his hometown fans can still hear him riff on the ivories almost every year at the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival.

For all Marsalis's many accomplishments, however, most New Orleanians think of him first as an extraordinarily successful teacher. His career as a music educator began in the mid-sixties, at George Washington High School in Breaux Bridge, Louisiana. Back home in New Orleans, he taught at Xavier University until, in 1974, the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts named him director of its newly formed jazz studies program, the legendary incubator for budding jazz genius. After 12 years, Marsalis left New Orleans to accept the position of Coordinator of Jazz Studies at Virginia Commonwealth University in 1986.

Three years later, though, New Orleans called him back. He returned to his hometown in 1989 to become the inaugural Coca-Cola Endowed Chair of Jazz Studies and Director of the Jazz Studies Program at The University of New Orleans. He held that position for 12 years, helping students such as Payton, Davenport, Mayfield, and Bryce Winston hone their musical skills. During his tenure at UNO, the jazz program evolved quickly into one of international prominence, drawing brilliant young musicians from around the world. Marsalis oversaw the creation of student/faculty tours, concerts, and gigs, and he brought noted performers to campus for the popular Sandbar series.

Marsalis founded ELM records and continues to record, perform, and travel, as well as to teach. As patriarch of New Orleans's first family of jazz and as music teacher extraordinaire, he is widely revered for his influence on countless musicians. In 2007 alone, Marsalis received Lifetime Achievement recognition from the Big Easy Music Awards; an honorary doctorate from Tulane University; and the distinct honor of having The Ellis Marsalis Center for Music, the community center and performing arts theater in the newly erected Musicians' Village in New Orleans's Ninth Ward, named for him. Most recently, in April 2008, Marsalis released a joint CD with former student and UNO faculty member, Irvin Mayfield.

The Resolution

WHEREAS, Ellis Marsalis, Jr. is one of the premier pianists in the world and an internationally recognized artist in the field of modern Jazz, who has contributed significantly throughout his career to the cultural advancement of the State of Louisiana, especially through teaching, promoting, producing, and performing New Orleans' unique and indigenous music; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Marsalis, as an inventive artist who helped change the face of Jazz in the 1950s and 1960s, has enjoyed a career spanning more than four decades, has recorded over twenty albums and compact discs, has appeared on the recordings of numerous other noted Jazz artists, and has performed in clubs, concerts, and festivals worldwide; and

WHEREAS, as a leading Jazz educator, Mr. Marsalis has influenced the careers of countless musicians, including Terence Blanchard, Harry Connick Jr., Nicholas Payton and Irvin Mayfield, as well as his four musician sons: Wynton, Branford, Delfeayo and Jason; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Marsalis' influence on these and other musicians, his role as father and mentor in New Orleans' "first family of Jazz," his generosity of spirit, his wisdom and his musical and personal integrity have made him the unofficial patriarch of Jazz in Louisiana. Following Katrina, the centerpiece of the new Musicians' Village in New Orleans' Lower Ninth Ward has been named the Ellis Marsalis Center for Music, dedicated to the education and development of homeowners and others who will live nearby. In this tribute, as in others, Mr. Marsalis' position of respect is pronounced, for both his musicianship and his benevolence; and

WHEREAS, the contributions Mr. Marsalis has made to education in Louisiana are significant and countless, his service to The University of New Orleans is especially noteworthy. In 1989, Mr. Marsalis was named the inaugural holder of the Coca Cola Endowed Chair in Jazz Studies and founding Director of the Jazz Studies Program. During the twelve years he held that position he lifted the program to a position of national prominence and produced a new generation of Jazz musicians before his official retirement in 2001; and

WHEREAS, upon his retirement, his farewell performance with former student Harry Connick, Jr. drew substantial attention to the Jazz Studies Program, and donations acquired through that concert financed three new Endowed Professorships in Jazz, while other concerts for the university during his tenure resulted in new student scholarships; and

WHEREAS, as a man of great wisdom, vision, integrity, honor, passion and determination, Mr. Marsalis exemplifies the extraordinary educational and artistic leader who gives generously of his time and resources to improve and advance music education in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Faculty of the Department of Music and the College of Liberal Arts of The University of New Orleans recommend that Mr. Ellis Marsalis be awarded the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters in Music *honoris causa*, to be presented at The University of New Orleans Commencement Ceremony on the Sixteenth of May, Two Thousand and Eight; and

WHEREAS, the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, the Provost and the Chancellor of The University of New Orleans have approved the recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State University System Committee on Awarding Honorary Degrees, the System Vice President for Academic Affairs, and the Louisiana State University System President have reviewed and approved this recommendation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby award the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters in Music *honoris causa* to Mr. Ellis Marsalis, at a ceremony held in his honor at The University of New Orleans.

College of Liberal Arts

Susan E. Krantz, Dean

Doctor of Philosophy

Delemere Dustin Berna
Political Science
B.A., Niagra University, 1998
M.S., Canisius College, 2000
M.A., University of New Orleans, 2004
Dissertation: *A Revolutionary Perspective on Social Movements: Fundamentalism in the Islamic World*
Major Professor: Marc Rosenblum

Michael Louis Hess
Political Science
B.A., Santa Clara University, 1986
M.A., St. Mary's University, 1999
Dissertation: *Doorways to Development: Foreign Direct Investment Policies in Developing Countries*
Major Professor: Marc Rosenblum

Stephanie Lawrence
Urban Studies
B.S., Texas A&M University, 1998
M.A., University of New Orleans, 2001
Dissertation: *Businesses as Cultural Icons: Their Application Towards Understanding Urban Morphology*
Major Professors: John Wildgen and Mahtab Lodhi

Chad Reilly Nilson
Political Science
B.S., University of Great Falls, 2000
M.A., Radford University, 2002
M.A., University of New Orleans, 2006
Dissertation: *Handcuffs or Stethoscopes: A Cross-National Examination of the Influence that Political Institutions and Bureaucracy have on Public Policies Concerning Illegal Drugs*
Major Professors: Steven Shull and Marc Rosenblum

Hannes Ralph Richter
Political Science
M.A., Political Science, University of New Orleans, 2001
Dissertation: *The Internet Megascope: The Web's Effect on Political Knowledge and Electoral Participation in U.S. Presidential Elections*
Major Professors: Christine Day and Susan Howell

Master of Fine Arts

Karen Atherton
Film, Theatre and Communication Arts
William B. Bain
Film, Theatre and Communication Arts
Daniel Bourque
Film, Theatre and Communication Arts
Jason D. Buch
Film, Theatre and Communication Arts
Jennifer Chase
Film, Theatre and Communication Arts
Sean Conway
Film, Theatre and Communication Arts
Sandra Dummit
Film, Theatre and Communication Arts
Gina Ferrara
Film, Theatre and Communication Arts
Robert Pearce Florence
Film, Theatre and Communication Arts
Laura Brenholtz Gipson
Fine Arts
Barbara Ann Johnson
Film, Theatre and Communication Arts
Rachel Amanda Jones
Fine Arts
Kiren Kaimal
Film, Theatre and Communication Arts
Casey Elizabeth Lefante
Film, Theatre and Communication Arts
Dawn Leslie Lenz
Film, Theatre and Communication Arts
Lish Jamie Carlton McBride
Film, Theatre and Communication Arts
Sarah Snowden McKnight
Film, Theatre and Communication Arts
Laura Elizabeth Miller
Film, Theatre and Communication Arts
David Clinton Parker Jr.
Film, Theatre and Communication Arts
Connie Reeder
Film, Theatre and Communication Arts
Trisha Natasha Tezende
Film, Theatre and Communication Arts
Jeffrey Robert Rinehart
Fine Arts
Natalie Ruth Sciortino
Fine Arts
Nathalie Christianne Shepherd
Fine Arts
Richard Nason Smith
Film, Theatre and Communication Arts
Julie Townsend
Film, Theatre and Communication Arts
Jeremy Chester Tuman
Film, Theatre and Communication Arts

Master of Arts

Felice Simone Bonin
English
Dustin Kent Broussard
Political Science
Tobi Renee Buchanan
Arts Administration
Martine Marie Chaisson
Arts Administration
Carolyn Sheibley Croom
Sociology
Carrie Leigh Foltz
Arts Administration
Nick Alden Funk*
Geography
Eileen Mary Guillory
History
Courtney Leigh Kappes
Arts Administration
Gordon Joseph Kuehl Jr.
English
Claudia López-Moharita*
Romance Languages-Spanish
Catherine Rose Mackin*
Romance Languages-French

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Maggie Louise Olivier
Sociology
Steven Joseph Rotolo
English
Michael Lynn Sanders Jr
English
Gisele Goldberg Schexnider
Romance Languages-French
Donovan Paul Smith
English
Ellene Joi Stampley
Arts Administration
Andrew Middleton Wallace *
Sociology
Xinwu Zhou
Political Science

Master of Music

Roula A. Baaklini
Rachel Lynn Brogie
Mary Jane Schiro Butera
James Thomas Edward Cook
Kara Katherine Drane
David Robert Jumper
Aaron Christopher Lind
Jason James Moore
Deniz Turhan Bayraktar-Sharp

Master of Public Administration

Kristi Michelle Duhe
Blane Therese Williams

Master of Science

Aram Parrish Lief
Urban Studies
Laura Lynn Mogg
Urban Studies
Peter Daniel O'Connell
Urban Studies
Stephanie Lyn Slates *
Urban Studies

Master of Urban and Regional Planning

Steven Michael Delery
Elizabeth Ashley Griffith *
Jennifer Marie Lang
Todd Peterson *
Kristen Anne Phillips

Bachelor of Arts

Jessica Dawn Adams
Ahmed Adnan Ahmed
Justin Sanford Alaniz
Cameron Davis Allen
Jason Asbill
Peter Edwin Merton Bacon
Billie Faye Baker †
Catherine Suzette Belgard
Nadine Romani Berenger
Ashley Elizabeth Bock
Arielle Monique Bodden
Michael Joseph Broome
Ryan Patrick Bruce
Cum Laude
Christopher Gergory Buller
Justin Michael Burnell
Sean Philip Burns
Dustin Michael Calamia
Grant Michael Capone
Ian Spencer Cary

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Giacomo Antonio Castrogiovanni
Gina Margerate Centineo
Nicholas Joseph Ciaccio
Ashley Dianne Crabtree
Jurian W. Craig
Nicholas Nunzio Salvador Cusimano Sr
Zara Tallo Danforth
John Gaitan D'Antoni
Barry Paul Davis Jr.
Justin Bryan Lane Davis
John Moore Day III
Kelly Lorio Day
Drew Anthony Deacon
Allen Louis Dejan Jr.
Victoria Barbara Delacroix
Alex Frilot DeLarge
Christina Leigh Duggar
Clinton Dawson Durrett
Enrika Lurette Eaglin
Kelly Rae Earegood
Stephanie Eccles
Melissa Lynette Elliott
Crystal Joy Embrey
Cum Laude
Daniel John Evon
Halimeh-Hadeel Riyad Farah
Clair N. Fauconne De Calongne
Rebecca Elizabeth Finney
Summa Cum Laude
Christina Flot Pappion
Ashley Nicolle Freeman
Danielle Reneé Frey
Daniella Lucia Gassen
Marguerite Gerage
David Louis Gesser Jr.
Lawrence Joseph Giacobbe
Christopher Joseph Gianelloni
Ryland Bird Gipson
Travis Edward Goodick
Nicole Danielle Gordy
Cum Laude
Kristina Elise Griffin
Jenna Lee Marie Gros
Michael Geoffrey Hackett
Edward Trippe Haik
Ryan Jacob Haney
Stephen Andrew Harris
Melissa Sue Hauck
Gretchen Louise Heldner
Melissa Sue Hill
Candice Marie Holley*
Summa Cum Laude and Honors in Music
Justin William Hooper
Richard Paul Houidobre
Oriell Marie Jackson
LaToya Karlyn-Sonara Johnson
Orlando Jones
Sheyenne Dayle Jourdan
Elizabeth Keen
Briana Verdie Keys
Brittany Nicole Kirby
Shannon Leigh Cagney Kitchens
Jenny Koelbel
Cum Laude
Katherine Mary Kreller
Melynda Leigh LaBrosse
Cum Laude
Elizabeth Ashley LaGrange
Magna Cum Laude
Hortencia Del Carmen Lambourg
Kelly Lynn Landrieu
David Ross LeBlanc
Cum Laude
Michael Alan Leffman
Max Louis Lemoine
Daniel Fredric Lieber
Corey Lance Lowenberg
Candace Lyn Mackenroth
Sabrina Anne Malik
Daniel John Marin
Marilyn Kristel Marshall
Cum Laude
Lauren Vivian Martínez
Craig Thomas Matthews
Georgios Evangelos Mazarakis**
Cum Laude, University Honors and Honors in Urban Studies
Kristian Thomas Meador
Seth Howard Melendy
Mattew Roland Miguez
Allison Nicole Miller

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Timothy John Mohr
Aquiles Adam Montalvo
Obigiulu Paige Monye
Jesse Michael Thompson Morrow
Lauren Frances Narozniak
Derek Bowen Nehrbass
Lauren Ann Nelson
Stephen Phi Nguyen
Mark Williams Normand
Jessi Elizabeth Norton
Shawn Gerard Olivier II
Itohan Osemwenkhae
Keith Lawrence Paolini
Victoria Anne Payne
Joshua David Plant
Magna Cum Laude
Anthony Joseph Plonski III
Cum Laude
Amy Kathleen Quinette
Cum Laude
Jon Nathan Raby
Jessica Ann Raines
Velma Louisa Rankins
Gabrielle Helena Marie Reisman
Lesli Renee Richard
Mindy Rockvoan
Mark D. Rodehorst
James Madison Roe
Magna Cum Laude
Polly Marie Rolman
Amanda Olivia Rose
Mark Alan Rowland
Marlovy Sanchez
Vernon Sanders III
Reana Marie Schnyder
Ryne Gerard Schuler
Cum Laude

David D'Abadie Sciacca
Ashley Marie Sentimore
Deanna Nické Simmons
Cum Laude
Joshua David Simpson
Cum Laude
Brittany Doneá Smith
Michael Patrick Smith
Cum Laude
Michael Joseph Spadora
Summa Cum Laude
Denise Louise Spindel
Laura Nicholle Stevens *
Cum Laude
Andrea Marie Sullivan
Jane Marie McDonald Tardo
Christine Marie Tassin
Cum Laude
Jessica Tejada
Angelique Michelle Theriot
Cum Laude
Michelle Marie Thiberville
Cum Laude
Evan Robert Treadaway
Alvaro Alfonso Varela III
Nikolas Alexander Venanzi
Adriana Krassimirova Vladikova
Cum Laude
Ariel Wallick
Aaron Benjamin Watsky
Travis Charles White
Rachel Amanda Woods
John Francis Young III
Cum Laude

Bachelor of Science

Seandra Allen
Madeline Wertz Brozen
Erin Elizabeth Frischhertz
Javani Maria Garrison
Jace Michael Gros Jr.
Jason Saul

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College of Sciences and General Studies Program Commencement

Saturday, May 17, 2008

PROGRAM

PRESIDING
Dr. Joe M. King, *Dean*
College of Sciences

PROCESSIONAL

NATIONAL ANTHEM
Ryan Garrity

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS
Gustavo N. Fuentes, J.D.
Class of 2003

CONFERRING OF DEGREES
Dr. Timothy P. Ryan, *Chancellor*
The University of New Orleans

ALMA MATER
Ryan Garrity

RECESSIONAL

COLLEGE / PROGRAM MARSHALS
Nicola Anthony
Barry Bromberg
Kraig Derstler
William Greene
Martin O'Connell
Kevin Stokes
Jinke Tang
Elizabeth Taylor
Gerard Williams

It is customary for the audience to stand during the Processional and National Anthem, and again at the end of the ceremony until the Recessional is over.

College of Sciences

Joe M. King, Dean

Doctor of Philosophy

Davoud Arasteh
Engineering and Applied Sciences–Physics
B.S. Shahid Beheshti University, 1991
M.S. Amirkabir University of Technology, 1994
M.S. University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 2002
Dissertation: *Computational Intelligence and Complexity Measures for Chaotic Information Processing*
Major Professors: George Ioup and Abolfazl Amini

Pierre Jean-Jacques DeFrémont
Chemistry
B.Sc. Universite du Mans, 2003
Dissertation: *Synthesis of Well-Defined N-Heterocyclic Carbene (NHc) Complexes of Late Transition Metals*
Major Professors: Steven P. Nolan and Laurent Fontaine

Norman Eugene Leonard
Conservation Biology
B.S. University of Georgia, 1998
Dissertation: *The Effects of the Invasive Exotic Chinese Tallow Tree (Triadica sebifera) on Amphibians and Aquatic Invertebrates*
Major Professor: Joseph H.K. Pechmann

Anindya Pradhan
Chemistry
B.A. University of Calcutta, 2002
M.S. University of New Orleans, 2006
Dissertation: *Synthesis and Characterization of Novel Nanoparticles for Use as Photocatalytic Probes and Radiotracers*
Major Professor: Matthew Tarr

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Master of Science

Michelle Blouin Williams
Science Teaching
Linda Bourassa
Biological Sciences
Peter David Guarisco IV
Geology
Krystal Rhea Isfahani
Mathematics
Monique Tashell Mitchell
Geology
Doc Lap Nguyen
Computer Science
Noor J. Ottallah
Computer Science
Mohamad Aziz Qayoom
Computer Science
Ovidiu Cezar Truscá
Physics

Bachelor of Arts

Timothy J. Gremillion

Bachelor of Science

Cheryl Lyn Abana
Matthew Alexander Aldous
Iftekhar Amin
Christian Lara Angle
Angela Maria Aristizabal Uribe
Jeremy Paul Authement
Mary Katherine Uthoff Averill
Christopher Arthur Baracco
Summa Cum Laude
Nicole Frances Berbling
Christopher Daniel Bernadas
Eileen Cilia Bibbins
Jessica Danyel Bolin
Alexander Fernando Bowen
Cum Laude
Blair Elizabeth Brown
Magna Cum Laude
Yen Ngoc Bui
Tabatha Lynn Bullard
Kathleen Patricia Bush
Cum Laude
Ann Megan Cespedes
Krystle Ann Chatman
Christina Hazel Coble
Misty Rochell Crawford
Pharalyn Martese Crozier
Kenya Chondrea Curtis
Wyona Jean Davis
Kristy Robin DeTiege
Monte Edward DiPalma II
Joshua Michael Domilise
Nikole Leigh Dominique
Sherihan Raouf Elghorayeby
Paris Scott Ervin
Emily Fangue
Melissa Marie Fussell
Arianne Maria Gallaty **
Saul Enrique Garcia
Ezra Garza
Carl Joseph Giffin III
Summa Cum Laude
Hiram J. Greer †
Nathan Paul Haik
Amy Lynn Harmeyer
Cum Laude
Lisa M. Harrington
Cum Laude
Salasha Shameka Harris
Nicholas Paul Hebert
Jonathan Scott Hendrickson
Ivo Wayne Hihar
Sharon Lissette Irizarry

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Lindsey Reneé Jeanfreau
Jason Jules Juneau
William Scott Kaplan
Brian Christopher Kroper
Brandon Laiche
Erin Marie Lathrop
Kimberly Erin Le Blanc
James Ellison Little
Lauren Alline Lyons *
Magna Cum Laude
Lara Halina Marrero
Quentin Anthony Mason
Hammad Mohammad Masoodi
Cum Laude
Marcel Mata
Fayenisha H. Matthews
Jack Edward Mays
Coretta Lechell McRae
Alaina Lynne Moore
Danielle Nicole Moyer
Magna Cum Laude
Jesse Dina Murillo
Jessica Lynnette Nettles
Thao Phuong Ngoc Nguyen
Thu Trang Thi Nguyen
Vu Hoang Nguyen
Kandice Chanté Osborne
Luz Miriam Ospina
Jessica Lynn Owens
Edmi Lane Padron
Cum Laude
Steven Joseph Pastor
Margaret Frances Peters
Krystle Alexis Pierre
Mark Josef Piranio
Gipsy Denise Plis
Tammy M. Pracheil
Cum Laude

Brenda Melissa Ramirez
Garrett David Reynolds
Jaime Elizabeth Richard
Jonathan Keith Richard
Astin Rainel Richmond
Jerome Patrick Riehl
Anthony Robino
Cristina V. Rosa
Samantha Sagona
Jessica Salamin
Alejandro Sarria
Magna Cum Laude and Honors in Mathematics
Bryana Lynn Scherer
Matthew Lee Schroeder
Jennifer Lindsay Simon
Lawrence Henry Smith III
Amanda Michelle Sowell
Shaquirra Karlee Stovall
Elena Katherine Sundquist
Ashu Douglas Tarh
Cum Laude
Tyrell Dwight Theriot
Jessica Elise Tingstrom * **
Cum Laude
Brandy Michelle Turner
Shamira Vargas
Jennifer Kieu Nhi Vu
Cum Laude
Fallon Elizabeth Walker
Matthew Thomas Watson
David Eugene West
Britteny Elizabeth Weyenberg
Cum Laude
Hing Chung Wong

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General Studies

Carl E. Drichta, Associate Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs and Dean, Metropolitan College

Bachelor of General Studies

Raymond Joseph Akerman
Cum Laude
Natosha Ann Bensel
Amanda Suzanne Bertrand
Glenda Revish Bibbins
Geoffrey Clement Bourgeois
Janika Kimdrell Brazile
David Charles Broussard
Patricia N. Brown
January Lee Brunet
Melissa Burns McClendon
John E. Callahan
Curtis Daniel Clements
Richard Brian Collins
Laura Elizabeth DeLatte
Kenneth Michael Desselle
Pamela Katherine Richardson Douglass
Magna Cum Laude
Matthew Justin Eichholz
Bart Louis Guilbault
Brandon Anthony Hartenstein
Lindsey Shontell Hill
Meredith Suzanne Hooter
Ave Sheri Maria Jackson
Lisa Marie Krohn
Sheryl Denise Landry
Jason Paul LeBourgeois
Nyketa Lee
Cynthia Livers
Lauren Elizabeth Loeffelholz
LaToya Daphne Martin
Craig Anthony Metrejean
Tina Katherine Mounicou
Salathiel Orji Mouton
Mary Devlin Murrell
Stacey Marie Musso
Johnny Thanh Nguyen
Sharon Ann Normand
Brian Norwood
Crissy Ann Pellerin
Kristine Denning Pizzuto
Lindsey Anne Price
Michael Darren Procella
Keith Mcbride Phyburn
Stacey Rebecca Rando
Carl Hauser Reboul
Staci Mary Ricke
Peggy Angie Rodriguez
Jamie Lynn Rosiere
Stephanie Rose Scholl
Kevin Michael Shull
Kristin Marie Siltanen
Nicole Marie Soileau
Lisa Anne Taylor
Lacy Lynn Lotz
John Douglas Trammel
Carrie Jean Tuftee-Holub
Matthew James Wagner
Gabrielle Michelle Warren
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The Alma Mater

UNO, Our *Alma Mater*
Proud we stand to sing your fame
UNO
We honor your dear name.

Mem'ries will linger on
When our years with you have gone
And keep us true
to the Silver and Blue.

Lyrics by Deborah H. Crosby

Music from
The Overture to the
Consecration of the House
by Ludwig van Beethoven

University of New Orleans Honorary Degrees

Ellis Marsalis, Jr. (2008)
Václav Klaus (2007)
Charles V. Cusimano (2007)
Myrtis Jeri Nims (2002)
Walter Isaacson (2002)
Merritt C. Becker, Jr. (2001)
Stephen E. Ambrose (2000)
Franz Vranitzky (1999)
Jerome L. Goldman (1999)
Donald J. Nalty (1998)
James H. Clark (1998)
Edwin A. Lupberger (1996)
Mervin Lee Trail (1994)
Arthur F. D'Aquin (1994)
James R. Moffett (1993)
Paul A. Nalty (1992)
Frank H. Walk (1991)
Corinne Claiborne Boggs (1990)
Peter M. Dombourian (1989)
Ronald M. Jones (1989)
Samuel Dubois Cook (1989)
Philip M. Hannan (1988)
Patrick F. Taylor (1988)
John M. DeBlois (1986)
Charles W. Wall, Sr. (1985)
Martin D. Woodin (1985)
Abba J. Kastin (1984)
Homer L. Hitt (1983)
Theo. F. Cangelosi (1983)
Moon Landrieu (1977)
Melvin S. Newman (1975)

2007-2008 Faculty and Staff Retirees

The University of New Orleans wishes to pay tribute to the following faculty and staff members who have retired during the 2007-2008 year.

Stephen Alleman, *Librarian*, Earl K. Long Library
Vickie Beers, *Business Manager,* Lakefront Arena
Darlene M. Brown, *Director of Charter Schools,* UNO Charter Schools
Robert W. Brown, *Vice Chancellor*, Governmental & Community Affairs
Kathleen M. Burt-Utley, *Professor of Biological Sciences*
William H. Busch, *Professor of Earth & Environmental Sciences*
Harriet L. Cantrelle, *Administrative Coordinator 1*, Facility Services
Robert C. Cashner, *Professor of Biological Sciences; Vice Chancellor*, Research & Sponsored Programs; and *Dean*, Graduate School
Raphael Cassimere, Jr., *Professor of History*
Jesse R. Dolive, *Operating Engineer Master*, Facility Services
Sandra H. Eason, *Associate Dean*, Graduate School
Ronnie J. Fernandez, *Director of Electronics & Electrical Systems*, Facility Services
William A. Greene, *Professor of Computer Science*
Janette J. Griffin, *Associate Librarian*, Earl K. Long Library
Eddy J. Gutierrez, *HVAC Mechanic*, Facility Services
Bruce M. King, *Research Professor of Psychology*
Sandra Merz, *Administrative Specialist 2*, Physics
Edward M. Miller, *Professor of Economics & Finance*
Phyllis Morrell, *Administrative Coordinator 2,* Student Financial Aid
Andrew G. Pierce, *Instructor in Chemistry*
Michael A. Poirrier, *Research Professor of Biological Sciences*
Tom T. Schwaner, *Instructor/Counselor in Developmental Mathematics*
Sharon A. Shirey, *Manager of Benefits,* Human Resource Management
Leighton E. Stamps, *Professor of Psychology*
Avice D. Stilley, *Administrative Specialist 2*, Biological Sciences
Mary M. Thompson, *Assistant Director of Event Services*, University Center
John F. Utley, *Professor of Biological Sciences*
Oscar Varela, *Professor of Economics & Finance*
Thomas C. Whitworth, *Professor of Fine Arts*

In Memoriam

The University of New Orleans wishes to remember the following faculty and staff members who passed away during the 2007-2008 year.

Louis Holmes, *Custodian 2*, Facility Services
Shea Penland, *Professor of Earth and Environmental Sciences* and *Director*, Pontchartrain Institute for Environmental Sciences
Carolyn Williams, *Custodian 1*, Facility Services